

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. **Claims 6, 9, 15, 18, 24, 27, and 32-35 (now respectively renumbered 1-10)** are allowed. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art discloses a print system including a digital camera connected to a printer wherein the printer supplies power to the digital camera and where a display on the camera displays a state of a camera battery the display, wherein the battery is charged via the power supplied by the printer. The prior art also discloses wherein upon completion of charging of the secondary battery of the digital camera, a display is performed on the predetermined display unit of the digital camera for notifying the completion of charging.

However, for **Claims 6, 15, 24, 32, and 34**, the closest prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a first display arrangement wherein an image which is to be printed, or which is a candidate to be printed, is displayed as a main display with a relatively large size, and a display for notifying the state of the battery is displayed as a sub-display with a relatively small size, on the same screen on the display of the digital camera, and a second display arrangement wherein a display for notifying the state of the battery is displayed as a main display with a relatively large size, and an image which is to be printed, or which is a candidate to be printed, is displayed as a sub-display with a relatively small size, on the same screen, are freely selected by the user, under control of the control means of the digital camera.

And, for **Claims 9, 18, 27, 33, and 35**, the closest prior art does not teach or fairly suggest wherein in a case that a display is performed for an image which is to be printed, or

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which is a candidate to be printed, on the display of the digital camera, and the user performs no operation for the digital camera for a predetermined second period of time or more, and in the event the battery is not being presently charged, the display is turned off, and on the other hand, in the event that the battery is being presently charged, the display is automatically switched to a display for notifying the state of the battery, and furthermore, in the event that the display is performed for notifying the state of the battery due to the switching, and the user performs no operation for the digital camera for a predetermined first period of time or more, the display is turned off, under control of the control means of the digital camera.

2. Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Justin P Misleh whose telephone number is 571.272.7313. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Sinh Tran can be reached on 571.272.7564. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571.273.8300.

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